GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ELECTRIFICATION OF TIRUPATI -VELLORE ROUTE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi-Vellore, electrification project is slated to be completed before March,2007;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project;

(c) the date on which the project work started and the original target set to complete the electrification of this stretch;

(d) the length of route in kilometers so far completed;

(e) the reasons for slow progress of work on the project; and

(f) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the project within the target period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Estimated cost of Tirupati-Vellore section is Rs.45.24 crore.

(c): The project work was started after the sanction of estimate in January 2004. The original target for completion was March,2006.

(d): Over Head Equipment (OHE) and mast erection on Tirupati-Pakala section has been completed and are in progress in remaining section.

(e) & (f): Slow progress of OHE works and non procurement of materials by the contractor who was initially awarded the contract, led to termination of the contract. A fresh contract was awarded to complete the balance work and progress is being monitored.